



Dear resident,

As work continues on the College Avenue Bridge replacement plan and the bridge approaches, it's critical that area residents, particularly those who may be directly affected by the project, be kept up to date on the progress.

An important step was taken in mid-June when the Appleton Common Council approved the width and layout of the bridge. The bridge will be approximately 75-feet wide, with 11-foot traffic lanes, 5-foot bike accommodations, 8-foot wide sidewalks and barriers between the roadway and sidewalks

Following the council's action in June, work on the bridge design continues with the Bridge Design Committee looking at various features including piers, railings, lookouts, the barrier, etc. During this part of the process, the committee is working closely with Wisconsin Department of Transportation bridge designers, in considering a variety of options.

Once the committee has studied those options and makes its recommendations, a second public information meeting will be held to discuss the bridge design and gather additional public input. That meeting will be held sometime in October. After the second public information meeting, the Bridge Design Committee recommendations will again be forwarded to the Appleton Common Council and its Municipal Services Committee.

After the bridge design issues have been finalized, the focus of the project will turn to the roadway east and west of the bridge where some challenging decisions will have to be made. Various options will be studied carefully before any recommendations or decisions are made. You may have read or heard in the media that an informational presentation was made to the Bridge Design Committee about roundabouts at the Walter-John Street intersection. Roundabouts are simply one of a number of options that will be considered as we study and plan the approaches to the College Avenue Bridge.

The actual discussion and planning for the College Avenue Roadway is scheduled to begin early next year. Both public information meetings and neighborhood meetings are planned as part of the process.

Our goal is to develop a plan for the bridge and roadway that safely addresses the community's transportation needs at a responsible cost to taxpayers while maintaining the integrity of the local neighborhoods. Public input is certainly welcome and encouraged throughout the planning and design process.

Sincerely,
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